

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract. No new matter has been added.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

~~The invention concerns a~~ A stereomicroscope having a doubled, symmetrically arranged UV illumination device (20a, 20b), the illumination beam paths (10a, 10b) being guided by a deflection arrangement (21) comprising a deflection prism (5) for the illumination beam path (3) of a conventional illumination system (19) and two symmetrically arranged deflection elements (12a, 12b) for the illumination beam paths (10a, 10b) of the doubled UV illumination device (20a, 20b).